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16 May 1952

Major John W. Rodman, USA, Ret.  
Headquarters Army and Navy Hospital  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Dear Major Rodman:

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 9 May 1952 concerning the employment by this Agency of [redacted]

I am not certain from your letter whether [redacted] is presently on extended active duty or participating in the organized reserve program. If you will be kind enough to advise me of his status in this regard, I will have our Personnel people review his application in the light of any existing vacancies we may now have and for which he may be qualified.

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
Executive Assistant  
to the Director

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9 May 1952

General Walter Bedell Smith  
United States Army  
Chief Central Intelligence Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General:

Many years have passed but I trust you will recall our service at Fort Benning during the school year 1929-30. I was in the advanced class (Ridgway - Eddy - Mullins - et al) while you were on the Staff (General Marshall).

Needless to say I am still greatly interested in our Army, its marked efficiency, and its procurement of outstanding officer personnel. Such being the case, am taking the liberty of sending you certain correspondence pertaining to [redacted]

STAT [redacted] The above mentioned, letter from your [redacted], and copy of "Personal History Statement", are forwarded absolutely at my own instigation.

STAT [redacted] is most desirous of serving in CIA. He has the brains, breeding and background for such an assignment and has my wholehearted recommendation. He stems directly from two of our oldest and most stable families dating prior to the Revolution. He is also a close relative of our late mutual friend, [redacted] who I am positive, were he alive, would be making this recommendation. This case is rather analagous to that of the recommendations for General R. E. Lee's entrance into West Point where the expression, "Service to his Country is his natural heritage", was used repeatedly.

It is hoped that you will find yourself in such position as will cause you to look favorably on this application and at the same time obtain for CIA the services of a promising young officer.

I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and extend my highest compliments on your most outstanding and distinguished service to our Country. The Nation as a whole owes you a great debt of gratitude.

Faithfully,

JOHN W. RODMAN  
Major, U. S. Army Retired

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